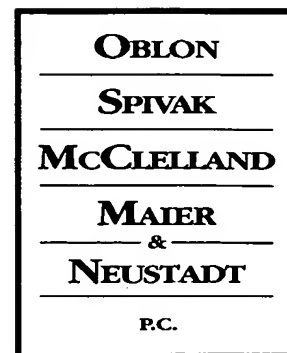




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/784,187
Applicants: Masaaki SUDO, et al.
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For: ULTRASONIC PROBE AND METHOD FOR
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Group Art Unit: 3737
Examiner: Solanki, Parikha

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the election requirement dated January 4, 2007, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-13, drawn to an ultrasonic probe, classified in class 600, subclass 459, for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-13 is in order and is respectfully requested.

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